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To inform and educate Slavic
Americans, as well as others, of
the Slavic Culture
and History



SACO's UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAEP Fall Fundraiser
BBQ**
October 8, 2017
at the
Pajaro Valley
Historical Association

Date Change!
Christmas Dinner
December 2, 2017
at the
Watsonville Women's
Club

SAEP February Dinner
February 24, 2018
at the
Monterey Marriot

Lamb Dinner
April, 2018
Date to be determined

Mark your calendars!

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President's Welcome - Judy Hager

Dear SACO Family,

I can't believe all the extremely hot weather! I remember growing up in Santa Cruz and having the first weeks of school in Sept. be very warm, but not hot. We had another great and successful July picnic. Food was fantastic, weather was perfect and everyone that I talked to said they had a great time. A lot of visiting with long time friends. I noticed more children and young adults attending. One of our goals is to get the next generations to continue to support SACO. Many thanks to our hard working Event Committee members, bar-b-queers, and other volunteers under the leadership of Maryann Bulich Schnitter. These people donate many hours before, during and after each event. It was great having out scholarship recipients and their families attend. Thank you to all members who continue to donate additional money to our scholarship fund. Also many thanks to everyone donating the great desserts and fantastic raffle prizes.

We would like to have some events geared toward young adults so if anyone would like to organize such an event please contact me. I hope to see many of you at our Student Ambassador Exchange Program fundraising event on Sunday, Oct. 8th at a new venue... the beautiful Pajaro Valley Historical Association home and gardens on East Beach Street. If you have never visited, this is a good time as their Archive will be featuring the influence of the immigrants from the former Yugoslavia in the Pajaro Valley. More info on this event is elsewhere in this issue.

Hvala puno for all your support,
Judy

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

ELECTIONS

COMING SOON IN
JANUARY 2018



**nominations are needed and for those that would like to be on the
nominating committee, please contact SACO President,**

Judy Hager

at judymhager@earthlink.net or (831) 438-2188 for more information

The SACO Student Ambassador & Exchange Committee Hosting Parent/Student
Informational Meeting for the June 2018 trip will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from
1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 230 East Lake Avenue,
Watsonville.

For more information, please call Linda at (831) 722-2481 or Maryann at (408) 828-5206.

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Treasurer's Report— as of September 10, 2017

Prepared by: Susan Radin Gallagher

SACO Checking Account Balance

\$15,264.82 as of Sept. 10, 2017*

SACO Scholarship Account Balance

4,516.00 as of Sept. 10, 2017*

We will have five \$600 scholarships
to payout for 2018

(* the balances do not reflect any outstanding items)

BBQ Update:

The July BBQ was attended by 286
adults and 9 children. Our net profit was
\$4,993.16. We donated 10%, or \$500,

2017 Membership:

SACO has 206 members.

This includes 33 new members!



OCT
15

San Francisco Croatian Heritage Festival

Hosted by Croatian American Cultural Center -
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① Sunday, October 15 at 12 PM - 8 PM

② Croatian American Cultural Center - San
Francisco
60 Onondaga Ave, San Francisco, California 94112

Thank You!

To those that donated prizes and desserts. They
include the following families:

C. Banovac, Biggs, Bobeda, S. Bulich, Burdick,
Davis, Del Piero, Dugger, Eiskamp, Espejo,
Estrada, Franich, Hager, Heebner, Hrgott,
Hinson, Hodges, McCabe, Mc Grath, Mc Kay,
B. Mifsud, Millich, Nielsen, Pavlovich,
Puglizevich, Radich, Rains, Rider, Schimpler,
Schnitter, Scott, Severin, Simmons, Spain,
Stringari, Sylvestri, Tabug, Ucovich,
Vukasovich, and the many others who slipped
by.

We couldn't do it without you!

*The July Picnic Committee would like to
extend a huge THANK YOU to all the
volunteers who made the event possible. The
committee truly appreciates the continued
support of our dedicated volunteers as well as
all the members who support our efforts by
attending.*

A huge thank you to
Jolene Vukasovich
for her generous donation
of 6 Roll Top Chafers.
They will be most useful!



In Memoriam

*Patricia Solano Janet Meidl
Nina Matulich Patrick Carey
Ann Scurich Audrey Mekis
William P. Bachan*

*Lets us remember those
that SACO has recently lost*

JULY SUMMER PICNIC 2017

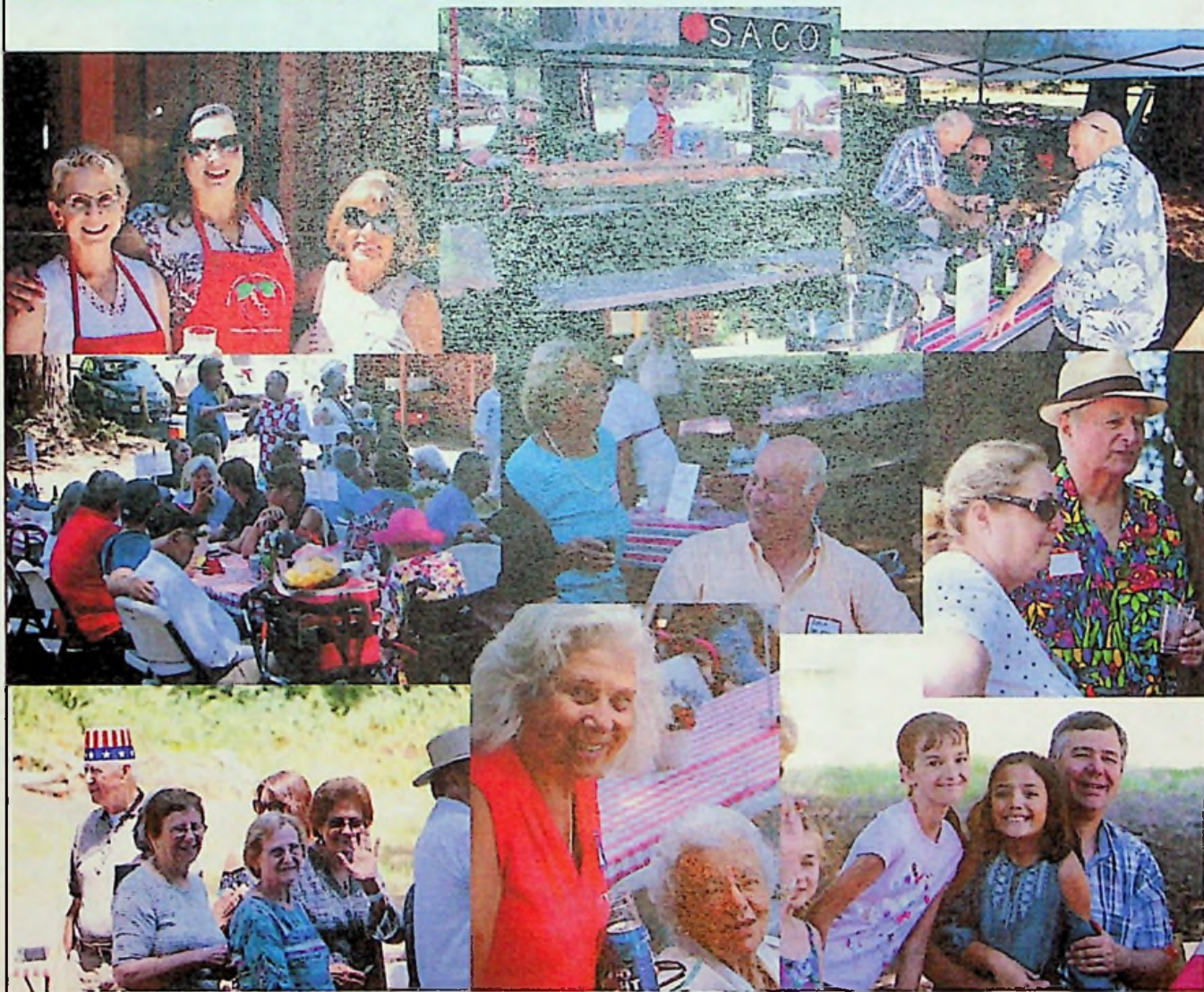
held on July 9, 2017 at Corralitos Padres Hall

Many thanks to Judy Hager, Maryann Bulich Schnitter and the entire Summer BBQ event crew for all of their time and hard work in coordinating an event that we all very much enjoyed—it was delicious!



Congratulations to our SACO 2017 High School
Scholarship Recipients
(clockwise from left):

Jonathan Gospodnetich (Aptos HS)
Ivo Lasich (St. Francis HS)
Zach Estrada (St. Francis HS)
Christopher Copriviza (St. Francis HS)
Monica Mifsud (Presentation HS)
Ireland McAbee (Notre Dame HS)
Jade Hinson (Aptos HS)



Photos courtesy of:
Mike Hodges

More happy memories of the July Summer Picnic July 9, 2017

SACO



See you next year!

Photos courtesy of Mary Gospodnetich

Travels with Luci & Niki

This is a new series of travel articles written by Luci Basor, a Watsonville native, who enjoys traveling with good friend and fellow Watsonville native and SACO member, Nikole "Niki" Simmons. Luci is a local educator and Niki works for Superior Foods. They both love to travel around the world in their spare time. They hope you enjoy reading stories of their adventures around the globe.



Niki & Luci

Hello SACO members!

We (Niki and Luci) are back with another wonderful travel adventure to tell from this past summer. As many of you know, we have been traveling together for the past few years, and are so thankful for all the opportunities and experiences we've had. This last summer (2017), we had England, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland starred on our maps!

London, England was our first stop. The trip started out with a few bumps, events that can come up when traveling; lost luggage, delays, missed connections. Unfortunately that did not stop our adventure! The first day we got into London, we decided to walk around and get familiar with the setting by just exploring the city. What a magnificent, diverse, and busy place to be! Because of its immensity, we figured buying a hop-on hop-off bus and pass to tons of attractions would be the best and easiest way to see the city.



With that, we started to knock places off of our "bucket list" and visited St. Paul's Cathedral, climbing to the top to see a beautiful view of London, taking in the magnificent crown jewels at the Tower of London, and taking a stroll along and in the London Bridge. The bridge has a glass platform at the top of it, so when you look down, you look like you're walking on the Thames River! We also were able to visit Westminster Abbey, the location of many Royal weddings, and Kensington Palace, where Prince William and Duchess Kate live. Much of our days were spent walking around, throughout the city, along the banks of the Thames, glaring up at incredible architecture, and view all so many sights!



The city of London is known for its beautiful, large, green parks. My favorite was Hyde Park. We strolled down the banks of the Serpentine several times and enjoyed people watching, while we sat in lawn chairs, as we ate fresh pastries from Harrod's. It did

not matter what time of day it was, or day of the week, these parks were packed with people, taking walks, joggings, enjoying food/drinks with friends, and playing games.

You hear so many people say, "I'm going to London, I hope I see the queen!" A piece of advice? Maybe don't say it, and it actually will happen! That's exactly what Niki and I experienced. As we were on our way to the center of the city, we were just walking past Buckingham Palace and all of a sudden we see hoards of people. Both of us look at each other as if the other knew what was going. Neither of us had any idea. So, we listened in on people's conversations. Apparently, there was a parade for the Royal Family



and commonwealth armies, called Trooping of the Colours. The Royal Family (including the queen!) would parade in front of the Palace in cars, then transfer to horse drawn carriages. Niki and I positioned ourselves, waited among thousands of people, in the blaring sun, so see the Royal Family! Well, we did! We had the incredible opportunity to see the entire family, including the Queen herself, rolling into Buckingham Palace in her vintage Bentley. What a wonderful surprise that was!



During our time in England, we decided to take a day trip out of London, and visit Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, and the city of Bath. All three locations were awesome. Windsor had beautiful state rooms, royal jewelry, and green hills surrounding the castle. Stonehenge was out in the middle of rolling green hills, but was incredible to see in person. To think that these massive stone slates were put together by people (unless you believe in the alien theory) is so mind boggling. The last stop, Bath, was a cute little town. I wish we had more time there because it seemed like a fun place to explore. We did have time to actually visit the Ancient Roman Baths, which do have water in them still! On our way back, we had dinner in Lacock, a small village (used in Harry Potter!!), for dinner which was fish and chips and cottage pie!



Niki is a HUGE Pocahontas fan, so a must-do while in England was visiting her gravesite memorial in Gravesend, about an hour train ride outside of London. This town on the Thames River is known as a port, and was a location that Pocahontas was traveling from, on her way back to Virginia. It was nice to be out of the city for a little, enjoying a different kind of England (plus taking the train is always fun)!



Our last night there, we decided to take it easy, and go the theatrical route; going to see a show. I have always wanted to see Wicked and Niki loves The Wizard of Oz, so Wicked it was! Oh my goodness. What a show it was! The actors were incredible, the Apollo Victoria Theater was very nice, and the experience was amazing. We were both left in shock! (if you haven't seen it, please do!)

In London, because of it's diversity, we had several different types of food. Anthony Bourdain (an idol of mine) suggested The Cock Tavern for meat pies and some good brew. It was absolutely delicious! Several friends and family members suggest Dishoom, a restaurant with

Indian Cuisine, in the Carnaby area, and we tried I don't know how many dishes from there; all of which were fantastic. A place that took quite the feat to get out to was Camden Market. If you love food and artsy things, this is the place to go! So many countries were represented by food/drink vendors, and several floors of arts and crafts goodies were being sold! Such an amazing place. A place now known for a terrorism attack, but otherwise known for its incredible amount of smells and tastes, Borough Market, was absolutely

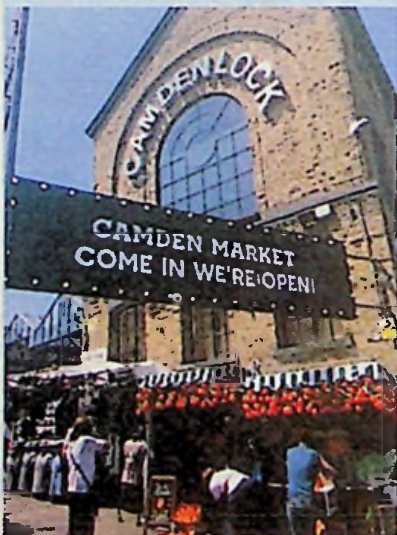
fantastic to just see. Yes, we did eat there too, but honestly just walking around seeing all the people cooking foods from

around the world, similar to Camden Market, made my jaw drop. It's pretty awesome to see people of different cultures come together in one place with just the idea of food in mind. That's the beauty of something as simple as food; it brings so many people together! Just think of our SACO events!

The city of London blew us away, but it was time for our next stop, Edinburgh, Scotland! In order to get there, we decided to take a 4 hour train ride, hoping to see more of the countryside of England with its beautiful rolling green hills, and sporadic castles throughout.

I love to read blogs about things to see and places to eat at, so hopefully if any of you venture out to these locations, you can try out the same places we did!

Stay tuned.... Živjeli! :)



Language Corner

by: John Basor

Teacher, Aptos/Santa Cruz/Watsonville Adult Education

Unlike English, Croatian has no silent letters. Almost every letter is pronounced as it is written, i.e. one grapheme = one phoneme. Each vowel can be either short or long.

About Town & Shopping

How much does this cost?	Koliko košta?
Where is the market?	Gdje je tržnica?
fruit	voće
apples	jabuke
grapes	grožđe
A kilo of grapes, please.	Molim kilo grožđa.
figs	smokve
peaches	breskve
watermelon	lubenica
Half a watermelon, please.	Pola lubenice, molim.
Excuse me, where is	Oprostite, gdje je
Gundulićeva street?	Gundulićeva ulica?
Where is the supermarket?	Gdje je trgovina?
Where is the department	Gdje je robna kuća?
store?	
square	trg
cathedral	katedrala
church	crkva
monument	spomenik
museum	muzej
gallery	galerija
park	park
street	ulica
road	cesta

SACO/SAEP OCTOBER BBQ FUNDRAISER AT A NEW VENUE

Our Student Ambassador and Exchange Program is actively moving forward with our fundraising efforts and will soon begin the screening process for applicants who wish to participate in our 2018 exchange program. Our Fall BBQ will be Sunday, October 8th on the grounds of the Pajaro Valley Historical Association, a new and exciting venue for this wonderful gathering. As you may remember, the food at last year's event was great and we expect nothing less this year! We hope for excellent Fall weather and expect a large turnout because of the downtown Watsonville location near the high school. If you have not received your invitation, please call 831-722-2481.

Enclosed with your invitation was a flyer regarding an informational meeting for the students and their parents who are interested in applying for our exchange program. It will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Watsonville on Sunday, October 22, from 1:00 - 3:00pm. We are encouraging applicants from Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties to attend, as well as other eligible members. They will be given a comprehensive overview of the interview and selection process, as well as the responsibilities associated with being a SACO Student Ambassador. SAEP committee members and others will make the presentation and will be available to answer all questions. The selection process will move forward at a fairly rapid pace once this information is released. This is a great opportunity for SACO members and their children or grandchildren. Students must be going into their Freshman, Sophomore or Junior year to apply.

Please see the notice in this newsletter about our February 2018 Gala Dinner at the Monterey Marriott Hotel's Ferrante Room.



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MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

members and the public are welcome!

The SACO Board of Directors currently meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Driscoll Strawberry Assoc. office located on Westridge Drive, Building #300, Watsonville, CA from 7:00-9:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

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SACO's (formerly "YACO") HISTORY

1979

Potlucks, guest speakers, and slide presentations continued to be very popular with our members.

On April 10, YACO held its first and only lamb dinner at Kennedy Center.

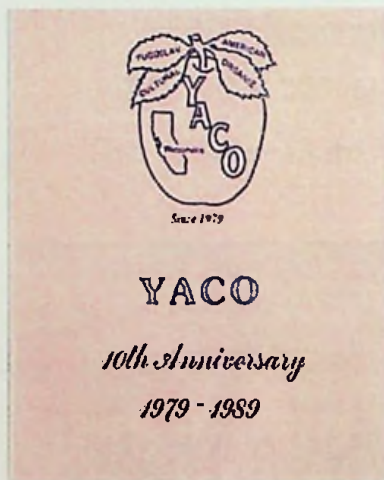
Our first bake sale was held on April 30, chaired by Mary Basich. Up until this sale, we had depended on cash contributions and monies from our treasury for our scholarship grants. From this point, thanks to Mary's efforts, we have funded our scholarships from the proceeds of bake sales.

Our July 3 picnic was probably the biggest ever with nearly 600 in attendance.

Joyce Kusanovich organized a bus tour to the Napa Valley wine country on September 24.

By far the biggest and most popular dinner/dance ever held by YACO was the Jadranska Noc, held October 22 at Kennedy Center. Over 300 attended, and the event was sold out several days in advance. This was a sit-down dinner that was served individually. Entertainment was by the Jadran Orchestra of San Pedro.

We changed By-laws on November 6 to have the officers serve from January 1 to December 31 of each year.



Patricia Gospodnetich Solano was kind enough to share the former YACO's 10th Anniversary Commemorative Book with us. We will publish excerpts from the book in future issues.

Please enjoy!